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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 0056

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN CG ETEL FR BE

SUBJECT: DOMSAT AND ZAIRIAN ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

REF: STATE 310648

1. WE MADE PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED REFTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR BILATERAL AFFAIRS, VANDEN BLOOCK,
TO DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, LABRUN, AND TO ZAIRE DESK
OFFICER, JAENEN.

2. BELGIANS HAD NO PREVIOUS INFORMATION ON DOMSAT ISSUE.
THEIR INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT IT WAS A PRESTIGE PROJECT,
OF SOME UTILITY FOR ZAIRE, BUT UNREALISTIC IN VIEW OF THE
PRESENT STATE OF THE ZAIRIAN ECONOMY. TO ILLUSTRATE THE
PRESENT STATE OF ZAIRIAN FINANCES, WE WERE INFORMED THAT
THE ZAIRIAN EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS HAS RUN UP SUCH DEBTS
THAT ITS CREDITORS HAVE COMPLAINED FORMALLY TO THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR UNPAID GOODS AND SERVICES
AMOUNTING TO OVER TWENTY MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS.
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THE BELGIANS NOTED THAT ZAIRE USUALLY MADE EVERY
EFFORT TO SEE TO IT THAT ITS EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS,
IF NOT ELSEWHERE, DID MEET ITS BILLS. THEY THEREFORE
CONSIDER THE EMBASSY'S PRESENT DEBTS AS INDICATIVE OF
THE GRAVITY OF ZAIRE'S FINANCIAL SITUATION.

3. WHILE BELGIANS AGREE ENTIRELY WITH

U.S. GOALS IN THIS MATTER, THEY WILL NOT DRAW DOWN
ON THEIR POLITICAL CAPITAL WITH MOBUTU TO REINFORCE
AMBASSADOR CUTLER'S DEMARCHE. THEY ARE NO MORE
LIKELY TO PRESS THE FRENCH, BUT WILL FOLLOW THE IMF
MISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH INTEREST. AS OF THE
MOMENT THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE IMF MISSION'S
FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS AND WOULD BE INTERESTED
TO HAVE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE USG.RENNER

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